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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make the following documents of record in the above-identified application:

## U.S. Patents

- U.S. Patent No. 5,447,576 issued 09/05/95 to Willis (1) (2)
- U.S. Patent No. 6,252,287 B1 issued 06/26/01 to Kurtz et al. (3)
- U.S. Patent No. 5,944,913 issued 08/31/99 to Hou et al.
- U.S. Patent No. 5,512,107 issued 04/30/96 to van den Berg (4) (5)
- U.S. Patent No. 5,948,176 issued 09/07/99 to Ramanathan et al. (6)
- U.S. Patent No. 5,981,868 issued 11/09/99 to Kushiya et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,994,163 issued 11/30/99 to Bodegård et al. (7) (8)
- (9)
- U.S. Patent No. 6,040,521 issued 03/21/00 to Kushiya et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,137,048 issued 11/24/00 to Wu et al.
- U.S. Patent No. 6,258,620 B1 issued 07/10/01 to Morel et al. (10)(11)
- U.S. Patent No. 5,478,402 issued 12/26/95 to Hanoka
- U.S. Patent No. 5,476,553 issued 12/19/95 to Hanoka et al. (12)

## Foreign Documents

(13) PCT International Publication No. WO 99/04971 published 02/04/99

<u>Copies of these documents, which are listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 (one page), are enclosed herewith.</u> Applicants respectfully request that these documents be fully considered by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application and printed on any patent which may issue on this application. Applicants also respectfully request that a copy of Form PTO-1449 (one page), as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned to the undersigned with the next communication.

It is believed that this disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. If for any reason the Examiner considers otherwise, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be contacted by the Examiner by telephone in order that any deficiencies may be expeditiously remedied.

The enclosed documents may have markings thereon. Applicants are not presently aware of the source of those markings, and no significance is meant to be attached thereto.

Please charge any additional fees due in connection with this submission, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0221. A duplicate copy of this submission is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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